

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

Although I support the goal of increased training for IHSS providers, the purpose and focus of the program is to provide services that enable seniors and persons with disabilities to remain safely in their homes and communities. To this end, I negotiated an unprecedented federal waiver to secure \$1.7 billion in new federal funding to support the IHSS program. As I stated in my veto message for AB 899 (Ridley-Thomas), reimbursing IHSS providers for hours spent in training, not delivering services to consumers, would be a departure from the focus of the IHSS program and increase costs for activities other than direct services to consumers.

For these reasons, I am returning AB 2494 without my signature

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger